के लिए मैं बताना चाहता हूं कि एन०टी०सी० मिलों को वापिस लेने के लिए चंद मालिक आए थे। उनके पीछे मैं साजिश नहीं बन सकता, यह एक ख्वाब हो सकता है, यह सोच हो सकता है कि वह वहां से निकालें और बिल्डिंग कंस्ट्रक्टशन का जहां वहां पर मूवमेंट आजकल चल रहा है, उसकी ख्वाहिश उनकी होगी। मगर प्राईवेट मिल की मुझे नहीं मालूम, एन०टी०सी० के बारे में आए थे। हमने रिफ्यूज कर दिया। हमने कहा कि यह पब्लिक सैक्टर में ही रहेगा, मोडर्नाजेशन भी पब्लिक सैक्टर में करेंगे।

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Madam, let me first congratulate the Minister on his bold declaration that he would not privatise the NTC. In this connection, may I know one thing from the hon. Minister? While he is saying that he is going in for modernisation and will thereby increase the production, how is it possible without a proper marketing system? To my understanding, the marketing system of the NTC is the most hopeless system because there is a lot of corruption. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would introduce a modernised marketing system so as to eliminate the corrupt elements which have crept into the system and thus make it a more viable one.

श्री जी० वेंकटस्वामी: यह तो बहुत गंभीर सवाल है। जिस रोज मैं टैक्सटाईल मिनिस्टर बना उस रोज से एन०टी०सी० मिलों में करप्शन के सिवाय मैंने कोई चीज नहीं देखी। मैं खुद कह रहा हूं आपसे। इसके ऊपर कई एक्शन हमने लिया है। मगर कहां करप्शन दूर होता है। कई लोगों को मैंने डिसमिस किया, ट्रांस्फर किया। उसके बावजूद भी आज करप्शन है। मैं औनरेबिल मेंबर को बताना चाहता हूं। टैक्सटाईल इण्डस्ट्री में करप्शन कहां होता है? कॉटन परचेस में होता है, यार्न सेल में होता है, फिनिश्ड क्लाथ सेल में होता है। मैंने कंट्रोल किया है कि कॉटन परचेस का सी०सी०आई० के सिवाय दूसरा नहीं खरीदना चाहिए। कॉटन कार्पोरेशन आफ इंडिया के सिवाय खरीदना नहीं चाहिए। अब यह बूढ़ी, लटकती हुई इंडस्ट्री है। मोडर्नाइज़ेशन तक तो चलाना ही है इसको, जो भी स्टाफ है। मैं जानता हूं कि सेल में आज भी करप्शन चल रहा है। उसके ऊपर काफी निगाह हम रखे हुए हैं और उसको सुधारने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं। मैं औनरेबिल मेंबर को यह विश्वास दिलाना चाहता हूं कि यह मोडर्नाइजेशन के बाद या ऐसे स्टाफ से इंडस्ट्री चलाने का इरादा गवर्नमेंट का नहीं है। हम पूरा स्ट्रक्चर चेंज करेंगे, नए ब्लड को लाएंगे, आनेस्ट पीपुल के हाथ में चलाने के लिए इस इण्डस्ट्री को रखेंगे।

*305. *[The questioners (Shri Ramdas Agarwal and Shri Satish Agarwal) were absent. For answer Vide Col. 29 infra.]*

Victimization of an Officer

306. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:†

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior officer of Taxation Assessment based at Jamshedpur identified three officers as corrupt, imposed a penalty of Rs. 16 lakhs on Baroda Rayon Corporation, and had refused to cencel her order as desired by the superior and thereafter the officer was suspended in 1988 and later on compulsorily retired;

(b) whether it it also a fact that the said officer has not been paid retirement dues by the department so far; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) An officer of the rank of Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax was suspended and later commpulsorily retired after following prescribed procedure. There is no nexus between identifying the three officers and imposition of penalty of Rs. 16 lakhs on Baroda Rayon Corporation and the charges of grave misconduct for which action was taken against the officer.

(b) and (c) The retirement dues have not been paid because the officer has not yet completed the requisite formalities for payment of these dues.

श्री चिमनभाई मेहता: उपसभापति महोदय, जो जवाब दिया गया है, उससे मुझे जरा भी संतोष नहीं

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chimanbhai Mehta.

होता, क्योंकि बताया गया है कि यह डिप्टी कमिश्नर आफ इंकम टैक्स जिन्होंने उनके नीचे के तीन कर्मचारियों को सस्पेंड कर दिया करप्शन के आक्षेप में। उनको जब रिटायर किया गया और सस्पेंड किया गया तो लोअर लेबिल के आफिसर को सस्पेंड किया था डिप्टी कमिश्नर आफ इंकम टैक्स ने, इसलिए उसको हटाया नहीं गया है, सस्पेंड नहीं किया गया है लेकिन डिप्टी कमिश्नर की मिस कंडेक्ट की वजह से उनको हटाया गया है। इसलिए जो बात की गई, वह मेरे हिसाब से बराबर नहीं है। इसलिए मेरा सवाल यही खड़ा होता है। जो इंकम टैक्स कमिश्नर रांची में थे, उनको सी०बी०आई० ने रेड किया था और दफा 420 में बुक किया गया था। उसके बाद डिप्टी कमिश्नर के नीचे के जो तीन आफिसर थे, डिप्टी कमिश्नर ने उनको इसलिए सस्पेंड कर दिया। तो ऊपर का कमिश्नर बहुत खफा हो गया। इसलिए उस लेडी को, she is a lady, Jayanthi Aiyer, a very honest person. Because she suspended a protege of the Income Tax Commissioner on a graft charge, she was suspended without being given any reasons and then retired without being given any charge-sheet. So, my question is: when she was suspended, was she given reasons for her suspension? Were the charges for misconduct ever framed by them? If so, What were the charges of misconduct which they framed? Please give the details. Department have not given any details at all and answer is totally unsatisfactory. It doesn't explain anything, Madam. Therefore, let him answer the question which I have asked.

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: Madam, the hon. Member has referred to a lady Deputy Commissioner of Income-Tax. When she was incharge in Goa in 1985, she identified three Income-Tax Officers as corrupt. These charges were enquired into by the directorate of vigilance and were found to be baseless. The matter was not followed up for lack of supporting material.

The hon. Member has referred to the Income-Tax Commissioner of Ranchi. The same lady had been posted as Deputy Commissioner of Income-Tax, Jamshedpur in April 1987. While she was posted at Jamshedpur, a series of complaints of misconduct were received from various quarters including her subordinates and superiors. The officer was then placed under suspension *vide* order dated 13.7.1987.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: But, you did not give the reasons for suspension.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is still reading.

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: Madam, then a charge-sheet was issued and the enquiry was conducted with the approval of the Central vigilance Commission. The Commissioner for Departmental Inquiries, Central vigilance Commission, was appointed as the Inquiry Officer. The Inquiry Officer held 10 charges as proved and two as partly proved. When the UPSC was consulted, the UPSC further held all the 12 charges as proved and the penalty of compulsory retirement was imposed on this officer on 19.4.93.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Well, these are also revelations to me because the officer had come to me...*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: So, you certify her to be honest....*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: You have said nothing. I asked for the reasons for suspension and that has still not been replied to ...*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: I have alredy replied that the charge-sheet was framed...*(Interruption)*....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has clearly answered....*(Interruptions)*.... Chimanbhai, just a minute. The Minister has answered that the person concerned was charge-sheeted. The case was referred to the Vigilance Commissioner and the Vigilance Commission appointed someone. They found 10 charges as proved. Then it was sent to the UPSC and they found all the 12 charges to be correct. I think the Minister has given a sufficient answer...*(Interruptions)*....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: How this question is admitted, I don't know.... *(Interruptions)*..... O.K. Chimanbhaiji

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: I want to put one question.... *(Interruptions)*....

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: This question is only for one officer....*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: It is not a question of one officer, remember. First of all, as I assume her to be, ... if an honest officer is prosecuted, I stand by her.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chimanbhai, you read the answer and them you discuss it with the Minister and get satisfactory reply. अभी आप दूसरा सवाल पूछिए।

श्री चिमनभाई मेहता: दूसरा सवाल कौन-सा पूछूं?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is Q. No. 307, where you are a questioner also. You ask that question. It is regarding decline in Central assistance to states.

Decline in Central Assistance to States

*307. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:†

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central assistance for State Plans is declining in real terms; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge transfer of resources has occured during last 3 years of more than one per cent of the GDP from the States to Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chimanbhai Mehta.

Statement

(a) Central assistance to States for State Plans has been analysed for the years 1992-93 (BE) to 1994-95 (BE) and it may be seen from the Statement given below that the same has not declined in real tarms.

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Central assistance to States for State Plans (BE)	Central assistance in real terms (1992-93 level)
1992-93	14820	14820
1993-94	16520	14910
1994-95	18741	15293

(b) There is no transfer of resources from States to Centre.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Now, the answer that has been given that Central assistance to States has gone up every year and in real terms, according to them, it has gone up. I asked the question in reference to inflation because in 1992-93, if it was Rs. 14,800 crores, in real terms, then in the subsequent year it becomes Rs. 16,000 crores. But the ratio of inflation should be taken into consideration, whether it has increased or decreased. According to the information given by you, in real terms, it has increased. But, I am still doubtful that if you take the inflation ratio, if you work out them on percentage basis, you find that in real terms the assistance to the States has gone down and, therefore, you should say, with the increase in prices whether the assistance has increased or decreased.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Madam, we have taken into account the inflation rate. The figures that are supplied in the answer assume an inflation rate of 10.8 per cent in the year 1993-94 and for the year 1994-95, although the year is not out, we have used the deflator of 10.6%. So, these are the figures.....